

REMARKS

The office action dated July 16, 2009 presented a requirement for restriction of pending claims 1-27 to the following four groups:

Group I, encompassing claims 1-9, alleged by the examiner to be drawn to a method comprising the special technical feature of immobilizing a molecule expressing an epitope in a sample to a solid support;

Group II, encompassing claims 10-16, alleged by the examiner to be drawn to a method comprising the special technical feature of adding cell lysate to a mixture of biotinylated molecules;

Group III, encompassing claims 17-21, drawn to a kit comprising the special technical feature of a container comprising streptavidin;

Group IV, encompassing claims 22-27, drawn to a kit comprising the special technical feature of a container comprising a mixture of biotinylated monoclonal antibodies.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the requirement for restriction and in an effort to be fully responsive, applicants hereby elect without traverse the subject matter of Group I for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the nonelected claims in one or more continuing applications.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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